

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of conditioning hair comprising:

i) applying a hair treatment composition consisting essentially of 0.5 to 25 % by weight of at least one oil agent, a solvent, and having a water content of 0 to 15 % by weight to dry hair;

ii) allowing the hair to stand for 3 to 120 minutes: and

iii) washing the hair treatment composition away

wherein

said dry hair has a water content of not more than 30% by weight;

said oil agent is selected from the group consisting of ester oils, triglyceride oils, cetanol, myristyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, behenyl alcohol, 2-octyldodecanol, hydrocarbon oils, silicone oils, vegetable oils, animal oils and a mixture thereof; and

said solvent is selected from the group consisting of lower alcohols having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, polyhydric alcohols, alkylene carbonates and N-methylpyrrolidone.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein the hair to which said hair treatment composition has been applied is covered so that a component of said hair treatment composition may not escape while being allowed to stand.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method of conditioning hair comprising:

i) applying a hair treatment composition consisting essentially of 0.5 to 25 % by weight of at least one oil agent, ~~and~~ a solvent, and having a water content of 0 to 15 % by weight to dry hair;

ii) warming the hair at a prescribed temperature for a prescribed period of time with the hair being covered; and

iii) washing the hair treatment composition away,

wherein said dry hair has a water content of not more than 30% by weight.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 3, wherein said warming the hair is carried out at 35°C or higher for 3 minutes or longer.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 3 or 4, wherein said warming the hair is carried out with a hair warming cap having heating parts.

Claims 6-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said hair treatment composition comprises 3 to 99 wt.% of said solvent.

Claims 12-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, ~~claim 15~~, wherein said oil agent is an ester oil selected from the group consisting of isopropyl palmitate, isopropyl myristate, octyl palmitate, cetyl palmitate, propylene glycol dicaprate, neopentyl glycol dicaprate, neopentyl glycol di(2-ethylhexanoate), isononyl isononanoate and a mixture thereof.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, ~~claim 15~~, wherein said oil agent is a triglyceride oil selected from the group consisting of glycerol tri(2-ethylhexanoate), glycerol tricaprates and a mixture thereof.

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said oil agent is selected from the group consisting of liquid paraffin and octamethylsiloxane.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is a liquid at ambient temperature and carries a hydroxyl group.

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of behenyl alcohol, benzyloxyethanol, glycerol, propylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, propylene carbonate, N-methylpyrrolidone and a mixture thereof.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein said dry hair has a water content of 20 % by weight or less.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein said oil agent comprises isopropyl palmitate.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 3, wherein said oil agent comprises isopropyl palmitate.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein said solvent is at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of benzyloxyethanol and dipropylene glycol.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 3, wherein said solvent is at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of benzyloxyethanol and dipropylene glycol.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein hair conditioning results from applying said hair treatment composition.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 3, wherein hair conditioning results from applying said hair treatment composition.

Claim 30 (New): A method of conditioning hair comprising:

i) applying a hair treatment composition consisting essentially of 0.5 to 25 % by weight of at least one oil agent, a solvent, and having a water content of 0 to 15 % by weight to dry hair;

ii) allowing the hair to stand for 3 to 120 minutes: and

iii) washing the hair treatment composition away

wherein

said dry hair has a water content of not more than 30% by weight;

said oil agent is selected from the group consisting of liquid paraffin and octamethylsiloxane; and

said solvent is selected from the group consisting of lower alcohols having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, polyhydric alcohols, alkylene carbonates and N-methylpyrrolidone

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-5 and 11-29 are pending.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of previously presented Claims 15, 18, and 21. Claim 3 is amended in order to improve readability. Claims 16-17 are amended to reflect the cancellation of Claim 15.

Claims 12-15, 18, and 21 are canceled without prejudice.

New Claim 30 is based on previously presented Claims 1, 19, and 21.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-5 and 11, 16-17, 19-20, and 22-30 will be active. No new matter is believed to be added upon entry of the amendment.